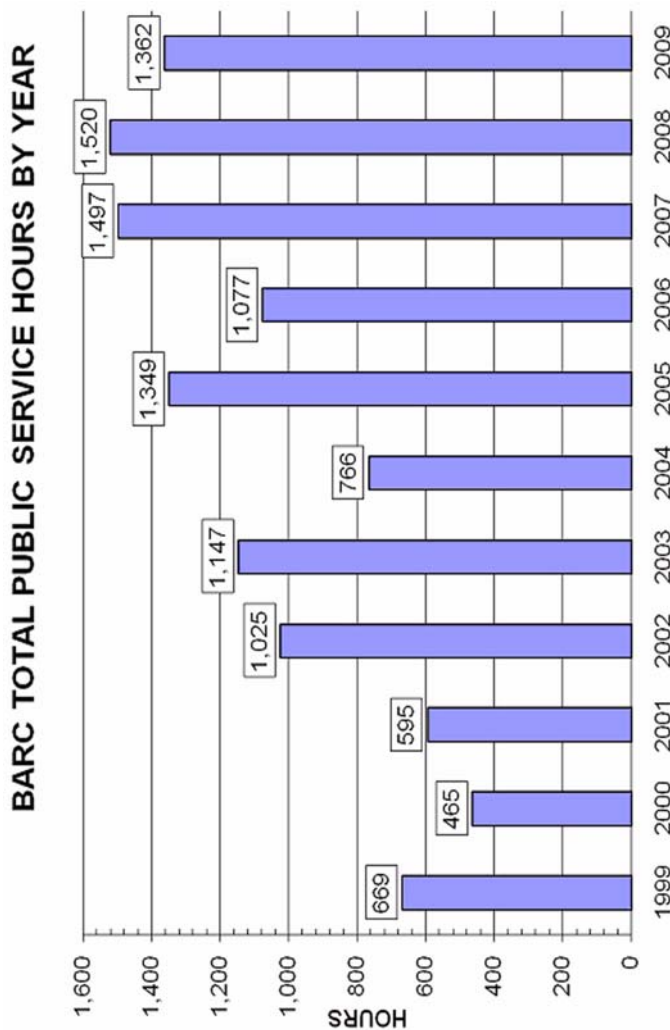




BARC Public Service Hours

George, KB0ZZT, keeps track of public service hours turned in by BARCers. Public service is a major component of our club's special status. The following chart shows they yearly hours. If you have hours to report, please give them to George.



Poser

True - False

- 1 When a signal reaches your receive antenna, half of it is immediately reradiated back out into space.
- 2 Faraday rotation is an important consideration in moonbounce.
- 3 If you are trying for a ten-band WAS, you should get a life.
- 4 Iowa used to be in the ninth call area.
- 5 Fifty percent of the hams in the 68157 ZIP code are listed as residing in only two households.

Answer appears on "Poser True-False Answer" on page 3.

BARC Member Doings

If you participated in a ham-radio-related activity during the past month, drop a line to W0KT. This is your monthly opportunity to promote your favored activities or for a moment of fame.

BARC tailgating October 24

1. Do it earlier in the year when there is less chance of being frozen or snowed out.
2. Designate a committee to handle scheduling, planning, logistics (e.g., porta-potty), advertising, food sales, etc.
3. While the event could still remain free, I would like to see Sellers only make reservations so I can know what to expect in terms of parking spaces, etc.

of my contest time went instead to her. I spent a few hours on Saturday and a few hours Sunday evening. I managed to get just a few more than 300 QSOs in 74 of 80 sections. 15 meters was open some of the time, mainly to Hawaii. I think I got all the KH6s who were on. I operated in the "A" low-power category, 100 W to a dipole at 25 ft. - W0KT

Monthly Birthday List

(no information provided) Someone please volunteer to provide this information.

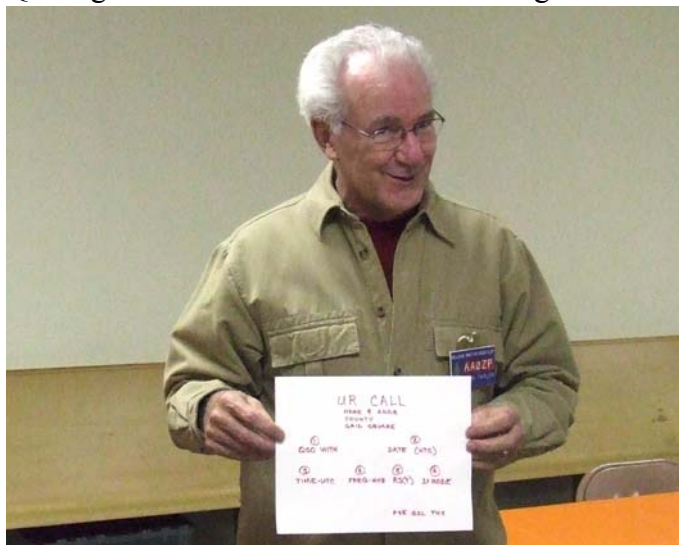
About the Dearth of Content for November's *Spark Gap*.

BARCers, this is your publication. Articles do not appear out of thin air, but are provided by members and others who wish to contribute. Please consider submitting an article or at least a paragraph about your monthly operation. How about a paragraph or two about any appropriate topic? Here are some suggestions:

the best DX you had during the month, the most interesting thing you heard on 2 meters, the dumbest thing you heard on 2 meters, the bargain you got at the latest hamfest, the outcome of VE testing sessions, special event station operation, public-service events

October BARC Presentation

Thanks to Frank Taylor, AA0ZP, who discussed QSLing. at the October 15 BARC meeting.



Poser True-False Answer

All the true-false questions are true.

Events

Editor-recommended events are **highlighted**.

Ham-Related Events

event type	start date	event description
meeting	Nov 12	BARC board of directors, all welcome - www.bellevuearc.org
event station	Nov 14	NCTECH Station honoring Emergency Communicators - www.wc5c.org
contest	Nov 14	Worked All Europe DX contest - waedc.de
QSO party	Nov 14	Kentucky QSO party - wkdx.com
contest	Nov 21	ARRL Sweepstakes Phone - www.arrl.org
meeting	Nov 19	BARC general meeting and soup supper - www.bellevuearc.org
event station	Nov 20	Centennial Celebration of the Radio Club of America - www.radioclubofamerica.org
training	Nov 26	FCC license testing, Lincoln, NE - K0IH@ARRL.NET
contest	Nov 28	CQ WW CW - cqww.com
event station	Nov 28	Ten-Ten Club, W6OI - www.ten-ten.org
contest	Dec 4	ARRL 160 meter contest - www.arrl.org
event station	Dec 4	Opening of the George H. W. Bush Gallery - www.kerrhams.org
event station	Dec 5	USS Midway (CV 41) Museum Radio Operations Room, NI6IW - kk6fz@arrl.net
event station	Dec 7	Pearl Harbor Day - www.ac4rc.org + several others
contest	Dec 12	North American VHF WSJT Contest - www.sportscliche.com/wb2fko/w09/rules_w09.pdf

Ham-Related Events

event type	start date	event description
contest	Dec 12	ARRL 10 meter contest - www.arrl.org
contest	Dec 12	PSK Death Match - www.mdxa1.org/deathmatch.html

November is the beginning of the major contest season. There are all kinds of contest on all bands. These events offer you an opportunity to do something different, to get off the local repeaters and nets, improve your technical expertise and your operating expertise. If you are familiar with contests, invite a new ham to your operation. If you are a new ham, find an experienced operator or try it by fire.

Up next is the ARRL Sweepstakes Phone. This is a 160-10 meter contest that permits 24 hours of operation. This is your opportunity to test out your station, sharpen your operating practices, and to work some hard-to-find states. If you are hesitant to get on for fear of making a fool of yourself, listen to the operation of others. You'll get the swing of it. Nebraska is rare enough that the stations you work will be delighted to put you in their contest log.

The ARRL 160 Meter contest is all CW and gives you an opportunity to work states on a band that maybe you don't use too often. Don't worry about not having a perfect antenna. I use my 80 meter dipole with the braid and center tied together, as a long wire I have 46 states confirmed on LOTW on 160 with this setup. A manual tuner is essential, of course.

The 10 meter contest follows in mid-December. If the band is dead, you can still work the locals. If it opens up, you can work hundreds of stations with a dipole (10 meter dipoles are only 18 ft long).

Then try the ARRL VHF Sweepstakes in January. You can even use FM.

In February and March are the ARRL DX CW and phone contests. Very modest stations can still get lots of DX.

For digital modes, there are PSK contests and WSJT contests. Power levels as low as 1 W can work DX using the modes.

And don't forget the CQ contests during this time period. They are almost as busy as the ARRL contests.

Field Day 2009 Results from ARRL

Once again BARC finished second in the Nebraska section. BARCers can take pride in their efforts, especially for bonus points from qualifying activities and from the GOTA station.

For more detailed results consult the December 2009 QST or www.arrl.org/contests/results/

Nebraska Scores for ARRL Field Day 2009

Call	Score	Cat	QSOs	GOTA Call	Participants	Club
K0KKV	6,290	4A	2,106	KB0DNP	68	Lincoln ARC
W0WYV	5,062	7A	1,097	WB0CAP	10	Bellevue ARC
KG0GY	3,438	2B2	800		2	
NI0DX	3,274	2A	1,021		10	Heartland DX Assn
KB0SMX	1,708	2A	274		18	Plattsmouth ARC
KB0TRU	1,640	2A	329		5	
K0USA	1,480	3A	465		25	Aksarben ARC
K0JFN	1,392	3A	250		6	Pioneer ARC
W0FLO	1,192	2A	236		17	Pine Ridge ARC
KC0VEP	1,190	1E	94		1	
W0WWV	896	2A	108		20	ARA of NE
KB0YTO	488	1B1	19		1	
W9JD	282	1D	58		1	
NE0RC	252	2A	101		6	Nebraska ARC

BARC November Meeting Program

An amateur-radio-related topic will be presented after the business meeting.